

Estimated Number and Percent of Persons by Poverty Level, 2003

Category	Number of Persons (000's)		Percent of Population		
	U.S.	Michigan	U.S.	Michigan	Mich. Rank*
DATA					
Persons for Whom Poverty Status is Determined**	287,699	9,893			
Below Poverty Level	35,861	1,125	12.5	11.4	26
Below 125% of Poverty Level	48,687	1,507	16.9	15.2	26
Below 135% of Poverty Level	54,460	1,676	18.9	16.9	27
Below 150% of Poverty Level	62,553	1,910	21.7	19.3	28
Below 185% of Poverty Level	81,470	2,537	28.3	25.6	29
Below 200% of Poverty Level	89,349	2,864	31.1	28.9	27
STANDARD ERROR***					
Below Poverty Level	408	77	0.1	0.7	--
Below 125% of Poverty Level	463	89	0.2	0.8	--
Below 135% of Poverty Level	484	94	0.2	0.9	--
Below 150% of Poverty Level	510	100	0.2	0.9	--
Below 185% of Poverty Level	558	115	0.2	1.0	--
Below 200% of Poverty Level	573	122	0.2	1.0	--

* Michigan's rank among the 50 states and the District of Columbia. A rank of 1 represents the highest (worst) poverty rate, and a rank of 51 represents the lowest (best) poverty rate.

** For purposes of this table, poverty status is determined for all people except those under age 15 who are not related to adult household members.

*** The standard error of an estimate is a measure of its reliability. The greater the standard error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. There is roughly a 95% chance that the true value of the parameter being measured is within two standard errors of the reported data value. For example, if the reported data value is 28.9 and the standard error is 1.0, there is roughly a 95% chance that the true value lies between 26.9 and 30.9.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplement, Table Series Pov46: Poverty Status by State, 2003.